

- the counter is incremented after a successful sensitive operation.

21. A method according to claim 13, wherein

- for restricting, only some of the operations of the planned transaction are prevented.

22. A security circuit for implementing the method according to claim 13, wherein the management means is capable of:

- identifying and counting requests coming from outside and restricting its functions as soon as the count reaches a predetermined number.

23. A method according to claim 19, wherein

- the counter is incremented after a successful sensitive operation.

24. A method according to claim 19, wherein

- for restricting, only some of the operations of the planned transaction are prevented.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been amended. New claims 13-25 have been added. Changes have been made the specification to insert the proper headings, without adding new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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